

DOOMS-DAY.

OR,

The great DAY of the Lord drawing nigh;
by certain Signs and Tokens thereof, fore-
told by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wherein is Declared,

That there shall be an end of this World;
and that all men shall appear before the Judge-
ment-seat of Christ, there to be made parta-
kers either of everlasting Life in the Kingdom
of Heaven, or of everlasting Woe and miserable
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Acts 17. 31. God hath appointed a Day, in the
which he will judge the World.

Joel 3. 30, 31. And I will shew wonders in Hea-
ven, and in Earth, Blood and Fire. The Sun shall be
turned into darkness, and the Moon into blood, before
the great and terrible Day of the Lord cometh.

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The End of all Things.

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Immediately after the tribulation of these dayes, shall the Sun be darkned, and the Moon shall not give her light: Then shall they see the Son of man coming in the Clouds, with power and great glory: When ye see these things, know that it is near, even at the door.

As the dayes of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be: For in the dayes before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage, and they knew not till the Flood came and took them all away.

So shall the coming of the Son of man be. Watch therefore, for ye know not in what hour the Lord cometh: therefore be ready, for in such an hour as ye know not, the Son of man cometh. And blessed is that servant, whom the Lord when he cometh shall finde so doing.

Certain it is, that there shall be a Day of Judgement, wherein all mankind shall be judged, and the earth and all therein shall be consumed by fire: which Truth is belisted by all but the Sadducees, and Atheistical Infidels, of whom this age is full, who think there is no Resurrection: but how few are they who prepare themselves for this great Day, and make themselves ready to meet the Lord at his coming.

The Bridegroom is coming, and yet most men with the foolish Virgins, have not prepared their Lamps. Our Saviour Jesus Christ in the 24. of Matthew, having at large shewed the signs of his coming to Judgement, and withal giving us many fore-warnings, that thereby we might be fore-armed. In the 25. Chapter he shews how unprepared many should be against his coming: and as a caution to us, he sets down the event of their unpreparedness. Christ in the foregoing Chapter, bids them watch and pray; but they (as you may see in the 5. Verse) all slumbered and slept: And at midnight was a great cry made; when they were all asleep; then came the Bridegroom suddenly as a Thief in the night; and when they should have been ready to have received him, they were to seek for Oil: And so not being ready, the door was shut against them; and though they cried, Lord, Lord, open to us, yet the Lord said unto them, I know you not, ver. 17. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

And now behold the day is at hand; the Judge standeth at the dock, James 5. 9. He is at hand; let us not therefore put far away from us the day of the Lord: for yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and not tarry.

Let us be prepared and in a readiness; lest

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we be taken unawares, as the foolish virgins were, and so be shut out of heaven for ever.

God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world; and how soon this Day may be, we know not, perhaps sooner then we are aware of: it may be if not this year, yet the next. Although we know not certainly the time when this great day will be, yet we may see it cannot be far off, if we look but into the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. St. Paul saith, 1 Cor. 10. 11. We are they upon whom the ends of the world are come. If therefore the ends of the world were come upon them who lived sixteen hundred years ago, then surely the day of Judgement cannot be far off. Zeph. 1. 14. The great Day of the Lord is near, it hasteneth greatly.

And Mr. 2. John the Baptist preached, Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. St. Augustine saith, the World shall last six Ages. The first from Adam to Noah; the second from Noah to Abraham; the third from Abraham to David; the fourth from David to the Transmigration of Babylon; the fifth from thence until the coming of Christ in the flesh; and the sixth from Christs coming in the flesh, until the last coming to judgement: so that now we live in the last Age. O that men were wise! that they would think of this day. Whether I eat or drink

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(saith St. Jerome) or whatsoever I do, methinks I hear this crying sounding in mine ears, Arise ye dead, & come to judgement. John the Baptist he was the fore-runner of Christ, and we all know it was not long after his coming that Christ himself came: and now the fore-runners of the day of judgement are already come, and the day it self will suddenly follow: When once the Serbants are come, the Master will not be long. God hath foretold us, that before his coming to judgement, such and such things should come to pass; and we have seen these things come to pass: therefore let us be ready.

In Matthew 24. the Disciples aske Christ, What should be the sign of his coming, and of the end of the world? And Christ answered them, saying, Take heed, let no man deceive you; for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many, Verse 5. and Verse 24. There shall arise false Christs, and false Prophets, and shall shew great signes and wonders. And hath not this been fulfilled in our dayes? I tremble to think how impiously, blasphemously, and cursedly many wretched creatures have abused the Lord Jesus Christ; some affirming themselves to be the Virgin Mary; others the Lord Jesus Christ himself. O what a sad account will these men give, when they shall appear before the great Tribunal of the Lord.

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Another sign of the day of judgement being at hand, is expressed; **Mat. 24. 7.** There should be wars and rumors of wars; Nation against Nation; and Kingdom against Kingdom. What cruel unnatural bloody Wars have been seen: Not only Nation against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom; but Brother against Brother: yea, the Father hath killed his own Son; and the Son hath killed his own Father; even as Christ foretold, **Mark 13. 30.** The brother shall betray the Brother to death; and the Father the Son; and the Children shall rise up against their Parents; and cause them to be put to death; and many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and hate one another. saith Christ. When ever was there more hatred and treachery then now? Can any Age of the world shew the like for envy and malice? Will not one brother betray another for gain? Behold these things ought not so to be: but this is a sign of the end of the world. And because iniquity shall abound, saith Christ, the love of many shall wax cold. When did sin so much abound as now? When was there more Sabbath-breaking and Drunkenness, whoring, and swearing, and cursing; and all manner of abominable evils then now? yea, even little ones are skillfull to sin before they are skillfull to go; young Children great sinners:

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And for Love and Charity, when was it, ever
less then now? It is cold indeed now.

Another sign expressed, is, The Sun shall be
turned into darkness, and the Moon shall not
give her light, there shall be blood, and fire,
with vapors of smoke. What strange and sad
Eclipses have we lately seen? And the Lord
hath forewarned us by many strange sights
from Heaven, as ever mortal men beheld: and
for fire there hath been many sad spectacles
now of late, witness Fleet street, Treadneedle
Green, and Southwark in which places were great
wooden habitation consumed. And this
hath not only happened in and about the City of
London, but likewise several other places of
the Countries about have been partakers of the
same sorrows: what strange sights were lately
seen in the mountains of Sardon? And Spain was
lately taken almost with seven years, and
stood like a man, but the lower parts like a
straw, with cloden feet: Wherby these are the
wonders of the Lord, declaring to us, that the
great day of Judgement is at hand. 30
The last sign Christ tells us of, is in Mat. 24.
28. The dayes immediately before the last day,
should be like the dayes of Noah before the flood
came. The Lord grant we be not taken as they
were suddenly before they were aware. In the
days before the Flood people were eating and
drinking.

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drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage: &
 following after their voluptuous delights, and
 sinful pleasures, and in that condition the flood
 came and took them all away: so shall the coming
 of the Son of man be. And men eat
 and drink, and follow the lining of their own
 lusts: saying within themselves as the rich
 fool, Let us eat and drink, and take our fill of plea-
 sures: for to morrow shall be as this day, and much
 more abundant: these pleasures shall continue for
 ever. Whereas they should say, Let us watch and
 pray, for we know we may die: for it is appointed
 for all men once to die, and then cometh judge-
 ment. Solomon saith, Rejoyce O young man, and
 let thy heart cheer thee: but know, for all this
 thou must come to judgement. And being thus
 Christ saith, I have seen all these things come
 to passe, let us know that this Day is near: even at
 the door. The old world because they would
 take no warning, the flood came and drowned
 them all: they had 120 years to repent in, and
 yet would not hearken. Noe had but 120 years
 yet they repented: Sodom had 40 years time
 to repent in. But who knows how long time
 we shall have to repent? We have had long
 time already, hundreds of years, but we are
 still a stiff-necked and disobedient people. As
 St. Paul tells us, 1 Tim. 4. In the last days there
 shall be a departure from the Faith, and giving
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heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of Devils. And 2 Tim. 3. 1. In the last dayes perilous times should come, men should be lovers of themselves covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. When certainly we are those upon whom the end of the world is come; for how these things have been fulfilled, is very dreadful to consider. The prophet Zephaniah, Chap. 1. ver. 14. saith, The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, it hasteneth greatly. And ver. 15. he tells us, It is a day of wrath and distress, a day of desolation, a day of darkness, and gloominess, a day of clouds, and thick darkness.

The day of Judgement, although it shall be a day of joy and rejoicing to the goodly, it shall be a day of wee to the wicked; for who may abide the day of his coming; and who shall be able to stand when he appeareth, Mal. 3. 2. When wicked men shall cry to the mountains to fall upon them, and hide them from the wrath of God, for in that day, the wicked and all the nations that forget God, shall be thrown into Hell, there to abide for ever, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire, as St. Jude saith, That day shall burn as an oven, and the wicked shall be as stubble, and that day shall burn them up, saith the Lord. Mal. 4. 1. But to those that fear his Name shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings, and shall shine upon the just, and receive them into the

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Kingdom of heaven, where are joyes unspeakable, and full of glory.

And now having shewed you the certainty of this great day of judgement, and soze-warned you of the near approach thereof: I will conclude with some few exhortations to all, to prepare your selves for this great day.

Is it so then, that there is a day of Judgement, and is that day at hand: then let every one get Wyl, get grace into the Lamp of his heart, and rouse himself up from the world, that whensoever the Lord cometh he may be ready. We should live every day, as if it were the last day we had to live; for if judgement comes not, yet death will certainly come: We know not when we lay our selves down to sleep whether we shall awake again. Many have been suddenly surprized by death, that they have been taken away before they were fit to dye. Although nothing is so certain as death, yet nothing so uncertaint as the hour and time when death will come. The fool said in his heart, Soul take thy ease, eat, drink, and be merry, for thou hast goods laid up for many years: But what saith God: Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee, then whose shall those be? thou canst carry nothing with thee.

He had provided that which would do him no good: certainly had he said thus, he had laid up

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up a good stock for eternitie: O my soul, God hath exceedingly blest thee in this life with great increase in abundance, what shall I do to lay up some portion for thee for another day? This will I do, that as God hath given me them, I will make a good use of them: I will not abuse them to satisfy my lust, but I will freely lend them to the Lord: I will relieve the poor, cloathe the naked, and feed the hungry: For in so doing, I shall lay up a good stock for eternal life. Certainly had he done this, God would have said unto him, Well done good and faithful servant, thou hast improved thy Masters Talents, enter thou into thy Masters joy. For certainly what we give to the poor we lend to the Lord, and he will repay us again three fold for it at the last day, when all men shall be judged according to what they have done in the flesh, whether it be good, or whether it be evil: and then the poor man shall be as much respected before God, as the greatest Monarch or Emperour, and perhaps more, for God is no respecter of persons, but he will give to every man according to his works, whether he be poor or no. For we must all appear before the Judgement seat of Christ, small and great, rich and poor, where we shall be made partakers of eternal happiness in heaven, or spectators of eternal torments in hell. For
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God is a righteous Judge, he fears none, but will render mercy to them that have shewed mercy; but to the unrighteous, cruel, and hard-hearted sinners, according to their own deserts. When will he divide the chaff from the wheat, the sheep from the goats, and set the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on his left: and so pronounce sentence to the righteous, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: But to the wicked and ungodly, Go ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels. And then what will the profane swearer, curser, and blasphemer have to say? What will become of the Drunkard, Whoremonger, and Adulterer: they shall wish then for the mountains to fall upon them, or that they might be suddenly destroyed. The Lord awakens every sinful soul, that he may repent and amend his sinful life; and turn to the Lord with speed, lest that great and terrible day of the Lord come upon him unawares: For as the Lightning lighteth from one place of Heaven unto the other, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. Likewise also as it was in the dayes of Lot, they eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded: but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from Hearen, and destroyed them all; even thus

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that shall it be in the day when the Son of man
shall be revealed, Luke 17: 26, 30. And before him
shall be gathered all Nations, and he shall separate
them one from another, as the shepherd divideth
the sheep from the goats; and the goats shall be
sent into everlasting punishment, and the sheep in-
to everlasting life, Matth. 25: 32, 46. For at the
end of the world, the Angels shall come forth, and
sever them one from among the just, and shall
cast them into a furnace of fire, where shall be
weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth for
evermore, Matth. 13: 49, 50. Therefore let every
one take heed, watch and pray, for ye know
not when the time is, Mark 12: 38, 39, 35. For
the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey,
who left the house, and gave authority to his ser-
vants, and to every man his work, and willed the
porter to watch. Watch ye therefore, for ye know
not when the master of the house cometh, at even,
or at midnight, or at cock-crowing, or in the morn-
ing; lest come suddenly he finde you sleeping.
And when I have said to you, I say unto all men,
watch, so far blessed shall they be, whom the
Lord when he cometh shall finde so doing.
Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus, come
quickly.

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